

GAS LEASE HEARING IS SET FOR TUESDAY NIGHT

Offer of Southern Gas and Electric Corporation to Be Considered by Subcommittee.

NEW PROPOSITION SUGGESTED
Plan on Foot to Make Gas for City Consumption at Gayton Coal Mines—Would Mean Quite a Big Reduction in Cost.

Among the subjects to come before the Council committee this week is the application of the Southern Gas and Electric Corporation, made to the City Council two weeks ago, for a lease of the gas plant, which was referred to a subcommittee of the Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities.

A hearing has been set for Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. A representative of the company will be present to explain in detail the two propositions made for the lease of the gas plant, and to show, from the corporation's point of view, how the city and the gas consumers would benefit by private rather than by municipal operation.

It was learned yesterday that there was another scheme afoot, whereby the Gayton coal mines, in Henrico County, could be used as a source of supply. It is stated that assaying recently completed shows that these mines have an inexhaustible supply of coal, enough to last Richmond for many years. It is of such a character as to make it undesirable for domestic purposes, but it could be very cheaply manufactured into gas. There would be no difficulty in piping the gas into Richmond holders, as the right of way has already been obtained, and it is said that the mines and the gas plant could be manufactured at a rate 20 per cent cheaper than it can be manufactured by the municipal plant. It is planned, if an agreement can be reached, to furnish the gas to Richmond more cheaply than the city can manufacture it, or to give the city an option as part purchaser of the mine. The committee will be asked to defer final decision until the company interested in the Gayton mines can make and explain its offer.

William T. Reed, president of the Chamber of Commerce, referred in his annual report to the recent discovery of coal and near Richmond which might be converted into gas and power.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Funeral of Mr. Starke.
The funeral of Thomas H. Starke, member of the firm of O. H. Starke & Co., who died Friday morning, will be held from the residence, 2933 Grove Avenue, to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. T. Clagett Skinn, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, of which Mr. Starke was long a member. He will be assisted by Rev. George W. McDaniell, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church. The choir of the Second Baptist Church will sing several of Mr. Starke's favorite hymns. For many years Mr. Starke was chairman of the church's benevolent committee, and gave much of his time to the organization of the choir. The pallbearers were selected from the employees of O. H. Starke & Co., and will be T. E. Burton, L. E. Atkins, H. N. Moore, Robert J. Strotmeyer, George H. Figner and R. L. Adams.

Funeral of Rev. James E. Hutson.
A large number of citizens from various sections of the State, including many ministers, attended the funeral of Rev. James E. Hutson at Pine Street Baptist Church on Friday afternoon. Mr. Hutson was one of the oldest and most widely known evangelists in the State. Ministers attending the funeral catalogued the life and work of the departed preacher. Among those who took part in the services were: Rev. John J. Wicker, Rev. George W. McDaniell, D. D., Rev. R. H. Pitt, D. D., Rev. A. B. Rude, D. D., Rev. W. E. Robertson, Rev. J. W. Kinchloe, Rev. W. H. Lockhart, Rev. Alfred Bagby, Rev. W. B. Gibson, Rev. C. P. Ryland and Rev. Thomas C. Skinner, D. D. The burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.

Mrs. Fedora L. Frayser.
Mrs. Fedora L. Frayser, fifty-six years old, died Friday after a long illness at the home of her son, Bernard L. Frayser, 2520 West Main Street. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the Life and Advent Christian Church on Chaffin Street. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Mrs. S. A. Fitch.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 20.—Mrs. S. A. Fitch, aged seventy-nine, widow of the late Dr. W. W. Fitch, died at the home of her son, J. S. Fitch, near the University of Virginia, after an illness of several months. She was a native of Baltimore, Md., and was married to Dr. Fitch in 1845. She had five children, three sons and two daughters. She is survived by her son, J. S. Fitch, of Washington, D. C.; her son, W. W. Fitch, of Greensboro, N. C.; her daughter, Mrs. W. Tupper Wingfield, of Roanoke, and Mrs. Nellie Fitch, of this city. Mrs. Fitch also leaves two brothers—W. S. Hoffman, of Mt. Sid-

ney, Va., and J. S. Hoffman, of Albemarle.

Major Samuel M. Yost.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STAUNTON, VA., February 20.—Major Samuel M. Yost, eighty-six years old, died today from old age. He had a varied career. He was born at Union now in West Virginia, and came to Staunton when a youth and entered the office of the Old Spectator, becoming a printer. In 1856 he went to Lexington, Mo., and entered the newspaper business, thence going to New Mexico to become an Indian agent. Returning to Staunton, he became prominent in politics, and was sent as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Charleston, S. C., as a Douglas delegate. He served through the war as a Confederate soldier, re-entering the newspaper business after the war here and working at the Louisville Post. About 1870 he acquired the Valley Virginian, which he edited for eighteen years, being a leading factor in the politics of the State as a Republican and then a Democrat. He served as postmaster in Staunton about twenty-three years under different administrations. He was twice married, and leaves his second wife and six children. One son is ex-Congressman Jacob Yost. He was a forceful writer and in his day wielded a strong influence.

Mrs. John H. Foltz.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CREWE, VA., February 20.—Mrs. John H. Foltz, aged sixty-two years, died at her home here this morning. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spindler, of Blackstone. Besides her husband, she leaves three sons—Hudson W. Foltz, of Blue-ridge, and J. F. Foltz, of Crewe; two daughters—Mrs. H. K. Thompson, and Mrs. R. N. Nelson. The funeral services will be held from the home on Sunday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Batten, of the Methodist Church, of which she was a lifelong member. The burial will be in the Crewe cemetery.

David Alexander Perrow Fore.

STAUNTON, VA., February 20.—David Alexander Perrow Fore, youngest son of the late Walter S. Fore and Mrs. Sallie Perrow Fore, who was eighteen years of age, died this morning at the home of his mother, 2700 Fifth Street. Death came after an illness of several years. In addition to his mother Mr. Fore is survived by three sisters—Mrs. H. K. Thompson, W. Elmore Fore, and Miss Virginia Fore, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Albert Lyle, of Richmond. The funeral services will take place from the residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Spring Hill cemetery.

Captain John Moore.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 20.—Captain John Moore, a native of Ireland and about seventy-three years of age, died this afternoon at his home on Bollingbrook Street, after an illness of several months. He was one of the oldest employees in this city of the Norfolk and Western Railway, and for many years had charge of the Norfolk and Western passenger station. His genial personality and courtesy made him popular with the traveling public. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. John O'Connor and Miss Mamie Moore, of this city, and a son, William Moore, of Crewe.

Mrs. Betty Winston.

ASHLAND, VA., February 20.—Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Winston, widow of William Henry Winston, who died on Friday at Laurinburg, N. C., were held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from the home of W. D. Cardwell, and were conducted by Rev. William Headley, of the Ashland Baptist Church. Mrs. Winston, who was in her eighty-eighth year, is survived by the following children: Mrs. Kate Thomas and Mrs. Robert Covington, of Laurinburg, N. C.; Mrs. Walter Norment and Miss Sue Winston, of Darlington, S. C.; and Ben and Harry Winston, of North Dakota.

Charles Edward Omohundro.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 20.—Charles Edward Omohundro, aged forty-three years, died on Friday at his home near Keene, this county, after an illness of several months. He is survived by three sisters and two brothers—Mrs. M. M. Hughes and Miss Fannie Omohundro, of Keene; Mrs. W. O. Staples, of Lynchburg; T. T. Omohundro, of Glendower, and D. K. Omohundro, of Manteo, Va.

Alden B. Wood.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 20.—Alden B. Wood, aged twenty-five, is dead at the home of his father, near Ivy, this county. Born at Harrison, Va., he had lived in Virginia about about fifty years ago, when he moved

to Kentucky, later making his home in Washington. He is survived by his parents, five brothers and five sisters.

Elijah Colner.

STAUNTON, VA., February 20.—Elijah Colner, of Augusta County, died today from old age, leaving five children. Until he retired recently he had served the county for twenty years as supervisor, and most of the time as chairman of the board. He was a Confederate veteran of the Ninth Cavalry.

Alfred M. Woodroof.

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 20.—Alfred M. Woodroof, aged eighty-two years, died on Thursday night at his home near Pedlar Mills, Amherst County. He has a brother, Major D. P. Woodroof, living at Newman, Ga., and a sister, Mrs. James Dillard, residing here. The body was interred today at Spring Hill cemetery here.

Benjamin W. Barker.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 20.—Benjamin W. Barker died on Thursday evening at his home at Church Road, Petersburg. He was in the eighty-third year of his age, and is survived by his widow, two sons and three daughters: R. H. Barker, of Church Road; T. B. Barker, of Chesterfield; and Mrs. Sallie Dabney, of Springfield, and Mrs. Mary J. Springfield and Mrs. Julia Harris, of Petersburg.

Captain Thomas Hume.

NORFOLK, VA., February 20.—Captain Thomas Hume, city auditor of Portsmouth, died at 1 o'clock this morning in Kings' Daughters Hospital from Bright's disease. He was forty-four years old. He was prominent in the affairs of the Virginia State Firemen's Association, in which he held membership.

John H. Casper.

LYNCHBURG, VA., February 20.—John H. Casper, aged fifty-four years, died on Friday afternoon at his home in Amherst County. His wife and several children and a sister, Mrs. David Dunn, of Lynchburg, survive him.

Quickly Relieves Without Distress

The congestion of waste and refuse from the stomach, fermenting in the bowels, generates poisonous gases that occasion distress and invite serious illness. Health and comfort demand that this congestion be speedily relieved and the foul mass expelled.

The well-founded objection most people have to the violence of cathartic and purgative agents is overcome by using the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that is sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A dose at night brings relief next morning, without discomfort or inconvenience. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 462 Washington St., Monticello, Ills.

Model Hats From "Phipps"

Every woman is acquainted with the individuality of style she gets in one of PHIPPS HATS!

An unusual purchase enables us to offer you these Hats on Monday at the very moderate price of **\$8.50**

This is one of the best values we've yet offered in our Millinery Department. Not one of these Hats is worth (regularly) less than \$10.00, and many of them exceed this value.

TWO DOZEN HATS TO CHOOSE FROM, but as the total quantity is small we advise an early selection. Positively, NONE WILL BE SENT ON APPROVAL.

VIRGINIA Stationery Co., Inc.
Engravers to Those Who Know,
915 East Main Street.

AT ONCE! PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN STOPS INDIGESTION, GAS, SOUR STOMACH

Don't Suffer! Here's the Quick-est and Surest Stomach Relief Known.

Time it! In a few minutes all stomach distress gone. No indigestion, heartburn, sourness or belching of gas, acid, or eruptions of undigested food, no dizziness, bloating, foul breath or headache.

Pape's Diapepsin is noted for its speed in regulating upset stomachs. It is the surest, quickest stomach doctor in the whole world, and besides, it is harmless.

Millions of men and women now eat their favorite foods without fear—they know it is needless to have a bad stomach.

Get a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any drug store and put your stomach right. Stop being miserable—life is too short—you're not here long, so make your stay agreeable. Eat what you like and digest it; enjoy it, without fear of rebellion in the stomach.

Pape's Diapepsin belongs in your home. Should one of the family eat something which doesn't agree with them, or in case of an attack of indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or stomach derangement, it is handy to give instant relief.—Advertisement.

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We Will Sell

2,500 Pairs Sample Low and High Shoes

Worth \$2 to \$5
at **35c** pr.

Sizes 1 to 5.
All other Women's Shoes,
Queen Quality excepted, all
sizes, 95c to \$2.00.
None Charged.

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Shoes and Oxfords, all sizes,
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(Successors to Vaden & Carney)
Sixth Street, Third Door South of Broad.

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Of Unusual Interest---Just Now---Are

The New Spring Silks!

Thousands of yards of New Silks have come to us this month, and we are now showing a large and varied assortment of the most fashionable silks for Spring, 1915. Gros de Londres, Failles, Crepe de Chines, Chiffon Taffetas, Poplins and Messalines promise to be the leaders this season. Briefly mentioned, are some that will greatly interest you:

35-inch Striped Messalines, 79c yd
Black, navy and white grounds, with neat pencil stripes.

Black Chiffon Faille, \$1.50 yd
36 inches wide, very soft and lustrous, excellent for the new tailored suit.

Gros de Londre, \$1.50 yd
36 inches wide, in the new Palm Beach sand and putty.

Crepe de Chines, \$1 yd
40 inches wide, in black and colors.

Tipperary Crepes & Poplins, \$1.50
38 to 41 inches wide, in handsome printed designs.

Chiffon Taffetas, \$1.50 yd
36 inches wide, in both street and evening shades, as well as black and white.

Levantine Foulards, \$1.39 yd
40 inches wide, in the new 1915 designs.

Showerproof Foulards, 69c yd
23 inches wide and very lustrous, in the new designs.

Silk Poplins, \$1.00 yd
40 inches wide, pure silk and wool, in black and all the new shades.

Signs of Spring!

It's beginning to look like spring in many of the store's departments. So much is this true that one in viewing the new things that have come is apt to forget, for the time being, that trees and plants are not actually budding in the gardens and parks.

Every day adds its quota to spring stocks already in and brings assortments apace nearer the point when we can say "complete."

New goods that tell of Spring's style tendencies, offering at the same time splendid suggestions to women already on the hunt for their spring outfits.

The store must be a mighty interesting place these days.

MILLER & RHODS.

Spring Millinery!

A wonderful selection, comprising many of the choicest

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Second Floor.

For Spring---the New

Cotton Dress Fabrics

Among the attractive offerings for next week will be the cotton dress fabrics, consisting chiefly of the new printed and embroidered effects in crepes and voiles at very attractive prices.

Embroidered Lace Crepes, 25c yard.

White grounds, with embroidered dots and figures, in beautiful contrasting shades.

Embroidered Crepes, 29c yd.

White grounds, with colored coin spots or "dum-dum" bullet designs.

Vanity Voiles, 25c yard.

36 inches wide, sheer and fine, in white and colors.

Embroidered Voiles, 39c yard

32 inches wide, in beautiful two-tone effects.

Striped Voiles, 15c yard.

27 inches wide, sheer white grounds, with dainty stripes of lavender, green, light blue, pink and black.

Marigold Tissues, 12 1/2c yd.

27 inches wide, sheer and fine, in dainty stripes and checks.

Novelty Voiles and Lace Effects, 50c yd.

36 to 40 inches wide, in figures, stripes and beautiful floral designs.

First Floor—Sixth Street.

New Suits! New Dresses! New Blouses!

Women's and Misses Suits

A NEW BELTED MODEL that is very striking was received last week. It has a double breasted effect and fastens with a row of small self-covered buttons. The neck is neatly finished with a novelty collar that lends to the entire outfit an effect that is very charming. Graceful flaring skirts. We feature this suit at..... **\$27.50**

A Smart Poplin Suit

This suit, which carries out the military idea, is very attractive and has a high back that's hand-embroidered in gold. Pongee silk collar, deep yoke effect-jacket, with "set-in" pockets; self-covered and gold buttons.

The skirt is entirely new, in design, having a plaited panel that is neatly worked around and laps over the front gore, and finished with self-covered buttons. We feature this suit at..... **\$32.50**

Pretty Taffeta Dresses

An assortment that includes many exceedingly smart and new effects, in black, as well as all the popular shades. They range in price from \$15.00 upwards to \$32.50.

NEW SERGE DRESSES—Many striking models are shown at \$10.00 upwards to \$22.50.

So Many Pretty Blouses Are to Be Seen

We have good reason to feel proud of our showing of new Spring Blouses! Crepe de chine, Georgette crepes, laces, pussy willow Taffetas, etc. Dressy effects and tailored styles; also Sport Blouses and Blouses for every occasion.

Prices range from \$5.00 upwards to \$18.50.
And you'll be surprised at some we show at from \$1.00 to \$3.50.
Second Floor.



What the Corsetiere Said

An expert corsetiere in a metropolitan city was heard only recently to say, "If half the women could see the ugly lines their corsets give them, more women would be more particular about securing correct corsets." It might be added, if more women knew the beautiful lines American Lady Corsets give, there would be even more women wearing this superior make of corset.

There are American Lady Corsets for all figures, no matter what the size or proportion; American Lady Corsets for all occasions; American Lady Corsets for all purposes. American Lady Corsets are made of the best materials in the American Lady way, by the most skilled and careful labor. Every American Lady Corset keeps its shape, resists wear, stays new, does not rust. Never any undue stretching or loss of shape, even after hard wear.

American Lady Corsets for spring, 1915, are unusually smart, catering to every feature of fashion, affording an ideal foundation for the authentic modes. Prices \$1.00 to \$3.00. Our corsetieres will show you "your" American Lady Corset model. Isn't it worth your while to ask to see it?

Second Floor.

Miller & Rhoads

DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PRETTY

Sage Tea and Sulphur Darkens So Naturally that Nobody can tell.

Almost every one knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You simply sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.